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In the Application of Ernst Michael Winter, et al

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 06/04/01

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached are amended Figures 1 through 5, with changes to Figures 1 and 2 indicated in red ink.

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

16. Gemstone comprising:

a plate-shaped support having a surface with a plurality of pyramid-